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ABSTRACT

This directory in chart form identifies Ohio public library services and resources which can be used by people with vision, hearing, mobility, and learning impairments, and those isolated because of illness or age. Data were gathered from a survey of 226 public libraries in March 1980. Introductory information summarizes the responsibility of the State Library of Ohio for library service to people with disabilities and to older people, lists the counties served by the two regional libraries for the blind and physically handicapped, and defines the items listed under the following categories on the charts: services offered by libraries, services for the deaf and hearing impaired, materials and equipment, and building access features. Arrangement of the charts is alphabetical by county and location of library. (Author/FM)

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TO THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER (ERIC)."

To the Users of this Directory

Library Access is addressed primarily to people with disabilities and the agencies which serve them. In graph form, this directory identifies public library resources and services which can be used by people with vision, hearing, mobility, and learning impairments; and those isolated because of illness or age.

This publication will also show librarians and library trustees how they compare with other public libraries in meeting the educational, informational, recreational, and cultural needs of people with disabilities.

Legislators are responsible for passing the state and federal laws which state that people with disabilities are entitled to the same services received by rest of the community. This publication will indicate the degree to which local libraries have complied with their mandates.

The information in *Library Access* was collected from the 226 libraries which responded to a survey form sent to all 250 public libraries in Ohio in March 1980. For additional information about the survey, please contact the State Library.

Richard Cheski
State Librarian
March 1981

The State Library of Ohio

The State Library of Ohio has the responsibility, as assigned by Section 3375.01 of the *Ohio Revised Code*, for the statewide development and coordination of library services. Quality library service is the right of every Ohioan, and in its *Long Range Program for Improvement of Library Services*, one of the goals of the State Library is stated: "to encourage library service to people with disabilities which will be as responsive to their needs as to the needs of the general population."

Specifically, The State Library of Ohio provides planning, coordinating, promotional, and consultant services to libraries, organizations, and public officials in the development of library services to persons with disabilities and older people. It provides specialized materials and services to blind and handicapped readers throughout Ohio through financial support of the regional libraries for the blind and physically handicapped. The State Library also has a collection of large print books and issues a cumulative catalog of these every 6 months. Local libraries may borrow books from this collection for their readers. An Advisory Committee for Library Outreach Services advises the State Library Board and staff on all aspects of these services.

For more information about State Library services for people with disabilities and older people, call or write to:

Library Development Consultant
The State Library of Ohio
65 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614/466-3710

Regional Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Two libraries in Ohio are part of a national network for the distribution of braille and talking books (books on record or tape) produced by the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. These materials are designed for people whose disabilities make it impossible for them to read printed materials or hold or turn the pages of a book.

Cincinnati Regional Library for the
Blind and Physically Handicapped
800 Vine Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
800/582-0355 - toll-free
513/369-6074 and 6075 - local

Cleveland Regional Library for the
Blind and Physically Handicapped
325 Superior Avenue N.E.
Cleveland, OH 44114
800/362-1262 - toll-free
216/623-2911 - local

Counties Served by Cincinnati:

Adams
Athens
Brown
Butler
Clark
Clermont
Clinton
Fairfield
Fayette
Gallia
Greene
Hamilton
Highland
Hocking
Jackson
Lawrence
Madison
Meigs
Miami
Monroe
Montgomery
Morgan
Muskingum
Noble
Perry
Pickaway
Pike
Preble
Ross
Scioto
Vinton
Warren
Washington

Counties Served by Cleveland:

Allen
Ashland
Ashtabula
Auglaize
Belmont
Carroll
Champaign
Columbiana
Coshocton
Crawford
Cuyahoga
Darke
Defiance
Delaware
Erie
Franklin
Fulton
Geauga
Guernsey
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Harrison
Henry
Holmes
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Logan
Lorain
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Mahoning
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Medina
Mercer
Morrow
Ottawa
Paulding
Portage
Putnam
Richland
Sandusky
Seneca
Shelby
Stark
Summit
Trumbull
Tuscarawas
Union
Van Wert
Wayne
Williams
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Wyandot

How to Use Charts

Information in the charts beginning on page 8 is arranged alphabetically by county, and then by the town or city in which the main library of a system is located. The name and address of the library can be obtained by consulting a local telephone directory or by requesting a 1977 edition of *Libraries for People with Handicaps* from the State Library. With the exception of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, which provided information about services in its branches since it has no main library, branch libraries are not included in the charts. Services and materials are usually available throughout the system. Where there was no response to the questionnaire or part of it, that is indicated on the chart.

An asterisk to the left of the library's location indicates that the library had developed a plan for compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Ohio Senate Bill 162. These are the federal and state laws which establish the rights of people with disabilities.

The listing below indicates, and in some cases briefly describes, the categories on the charts.

SERVICES OFFERED BY LIBRARIES

Bookmobile: When the library has a bookmobile, it stops at locations which are convenient for a group of people. Occasionally it may stop at the home of an individual who cannot go to the group stop.

Deposit: Groups of books are left in residential centers or other areas where people congregate. The collection size varies, depending upon the space allotted, the interest of the people in the center, and the resources of the library.

Individual: Library staff and/or volunteers deliver books and other library materials to individuals who cannot go to the library.

Program: Information is given in alternative forms through film showings, book talks, discussion groups, etc. held at the library or where groups of people live or gather.

Books-by-Mail: The reader usually selects books from a printed catalog, but special requests may also be made. The library mails books to readers and the reader returns them by mail. Postage costs vary from free to book rate.

Telephone: Persons may call the library to request information which can be given over the telephone.

Children: Services to children include special programs at the school or at the library, materials collections at schools, bookmobile visits to special education classes and local and state institutions where there are disabled students.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED

TDD: The library has a telecommunication device for the deaf which enables people with hearing impairments to telephone requests for library materials or information.

Staff Sign: At least one person on the staff is able to sign or finger spell to people who are deaf.

Signed programs: The library arranges for someone to sign programs for adults who are deaf.

Signed stories: Story hours are signed so deaf children can participate.

MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT which can be used outside the library, by persons who have difficulty using conventional printed materials

Records: Music and spoken word recordings on discs.

Cassettes: Music and spoken word recordings on cassette tapes.

Large print: Books and magazines in larger than average print.

Page turners: Reading aids which enable people with limited use of their arms to turn the pages of a conventional book or magazine.

Magnifiers: Magnifying lens which can be used to enlarge print.

Prism glasses: Glasses which make it easier for a person to read while lying down.

Ceiling projectors: Books on microfilm can be projected on the ceiling.

8mm films

16mm films

Filmstrips

Slides

Video: Video discs or cassettes which can be viewed on a television screen.

AV-Living skills: Audio-visuals which teach daily living skills such as cooking, counting money, using the telephone.

AV equipment: Equipment for playing records and cassettes, films, slides, etc. Libraries may not loan equipment for all the audio-visuals which they loan.

Art: Prints or paintings.

Braille: Books and magazines in braille.

Talking books: Books and magazines recorded exclusively for use of blind and physically handicapped readers.

TB machines: Record and cassette players on which to play talking books.

Hi-lo: adults: High interest/low reading level books and audio visuals for adults.

Hi-lo: children: High interest/low reading level books and audio visuals for children.

Films without words: Films without words which can be enjoyed by deaf and hard of hearing people as well as others.

Captioned films: Captioned or signed films with dialogue in print or sign language on the film.

Toys: Toys which can be used by parents and teachers to help children learn developmental skills.

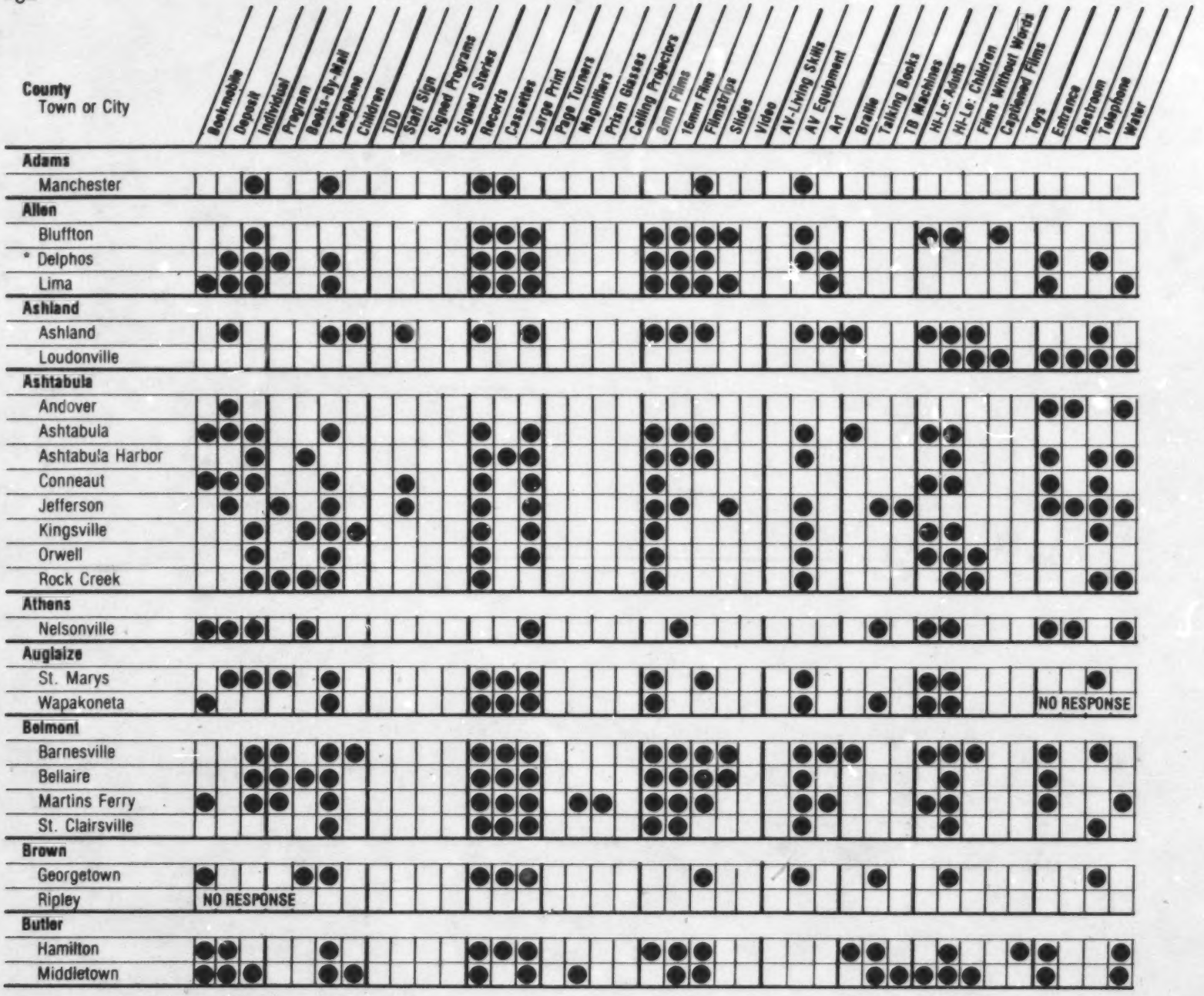
To display the INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS, a symbol which denotes building access for people in wheelchairs, the library must meet the following criteria:

Entrance: Entrance is at ground level or there is a ramp instead of steps. Entrance has a clear width of 32 inches when the door is open and is on a level that make elevator accessible, if there is one.

Restroom: Entrance to restroom area is at least 32 inches wide, with door open. If there is a stall, the door is 32 inches wide and swings out. Toilet has grab bars or handrails.

Telephone: The telephone is accessible to wheelchair users, with a coin slot 48 inches or less from floor; or a desk phone is available.

Water: If fountain is wall mounted, it is hand operated with basin 36 inches or less from floor; if floor mounted, fountain spout is no higher than 30 inches; or staff provide water in paper cups.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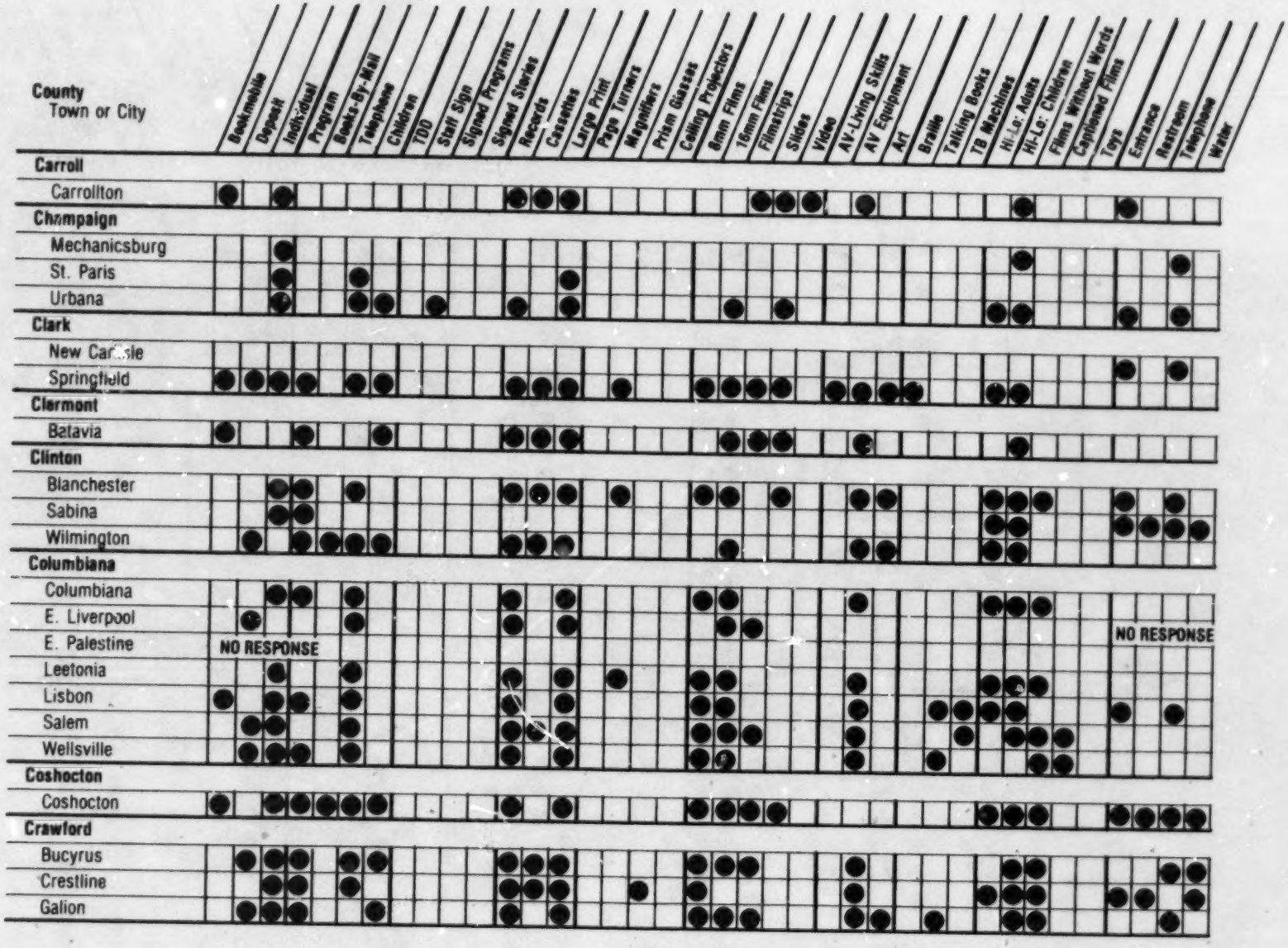
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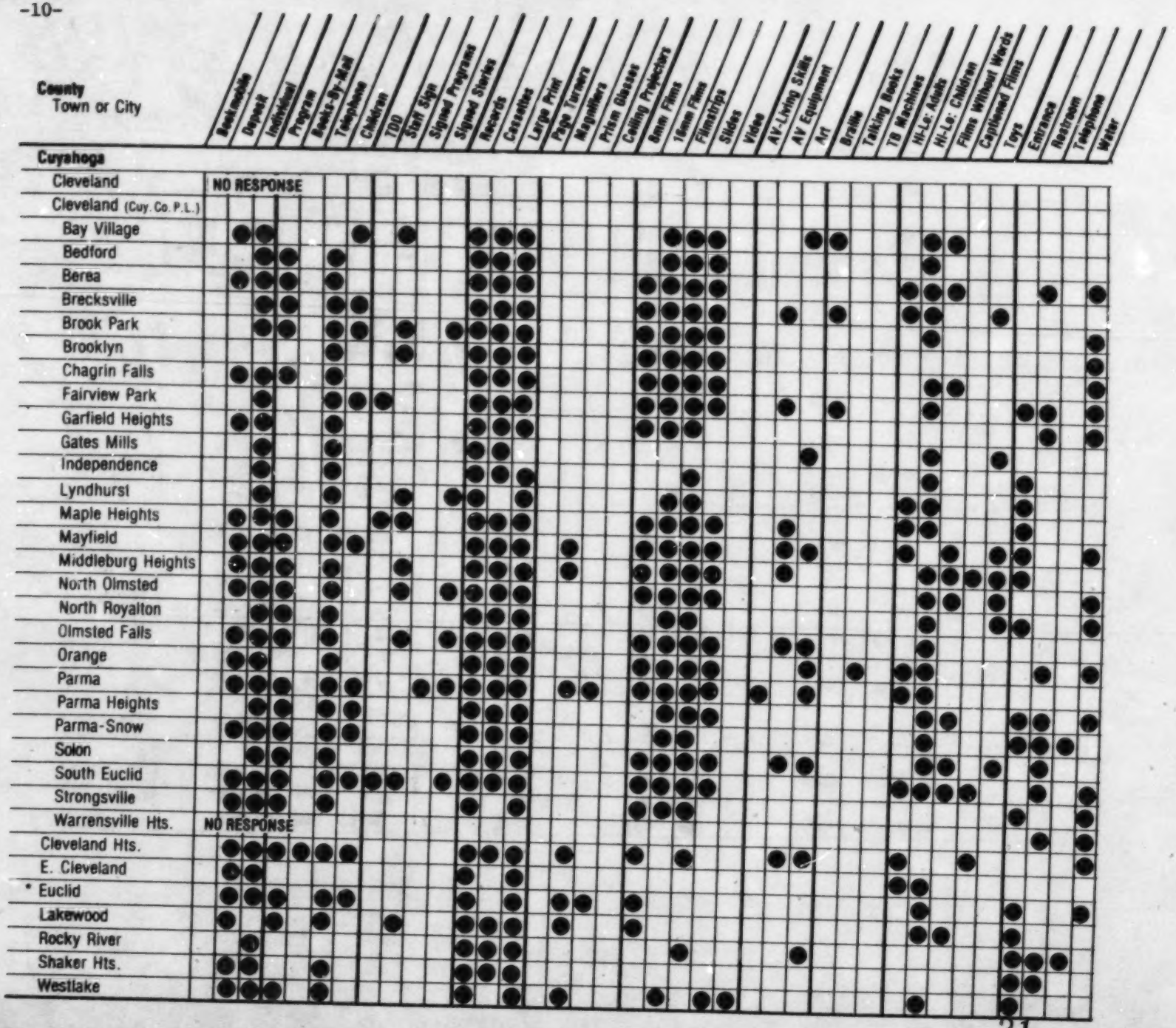
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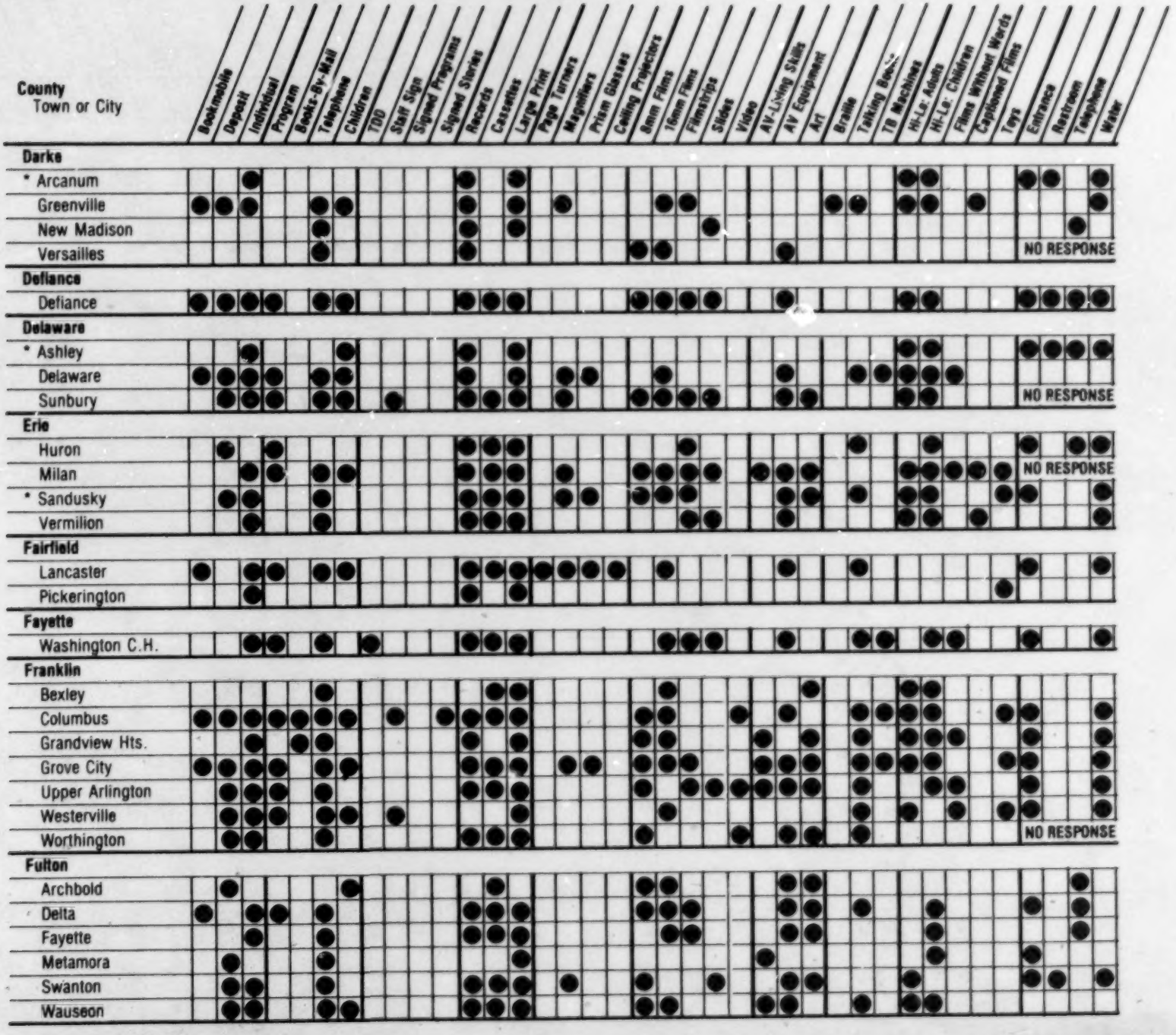
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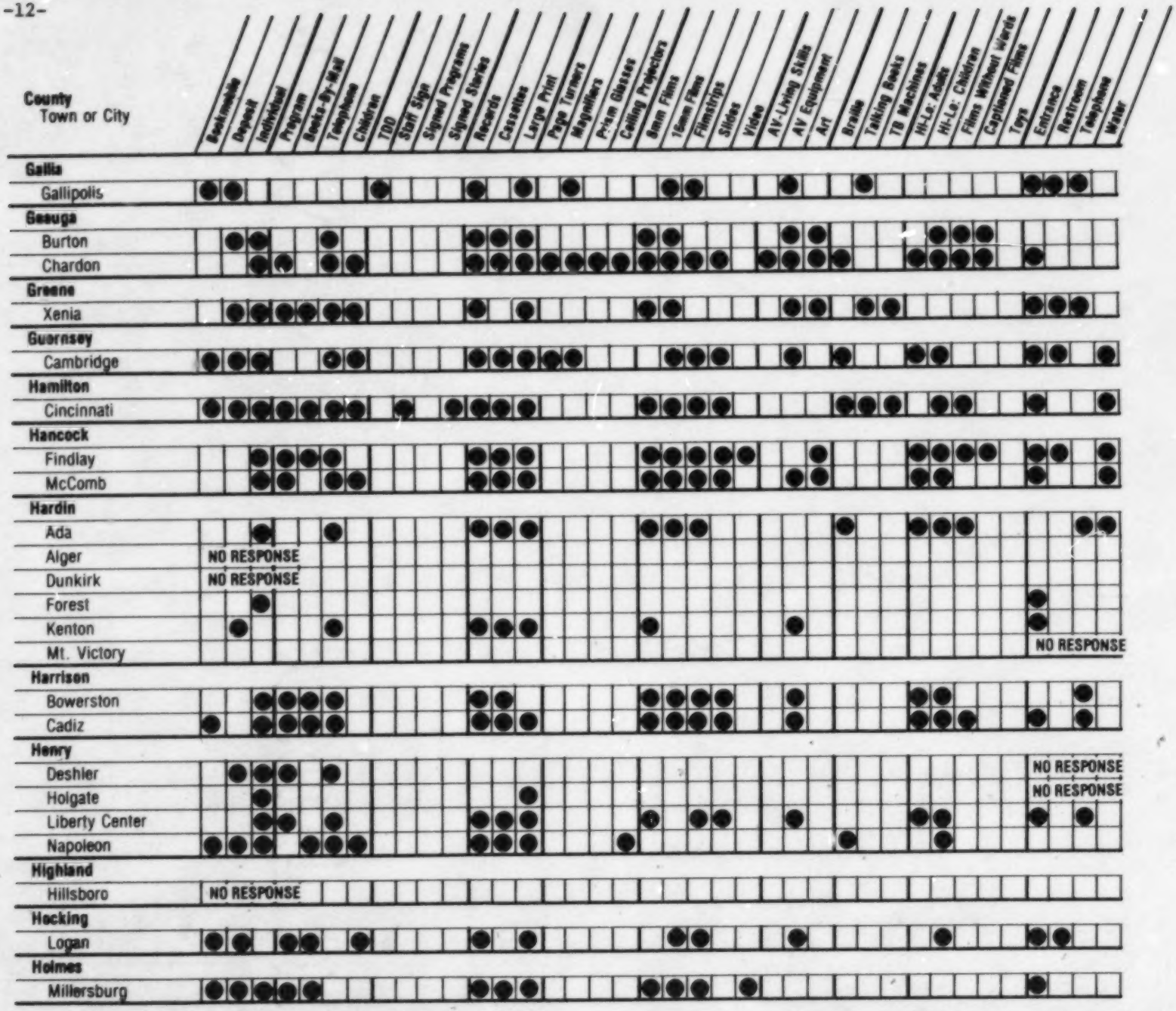
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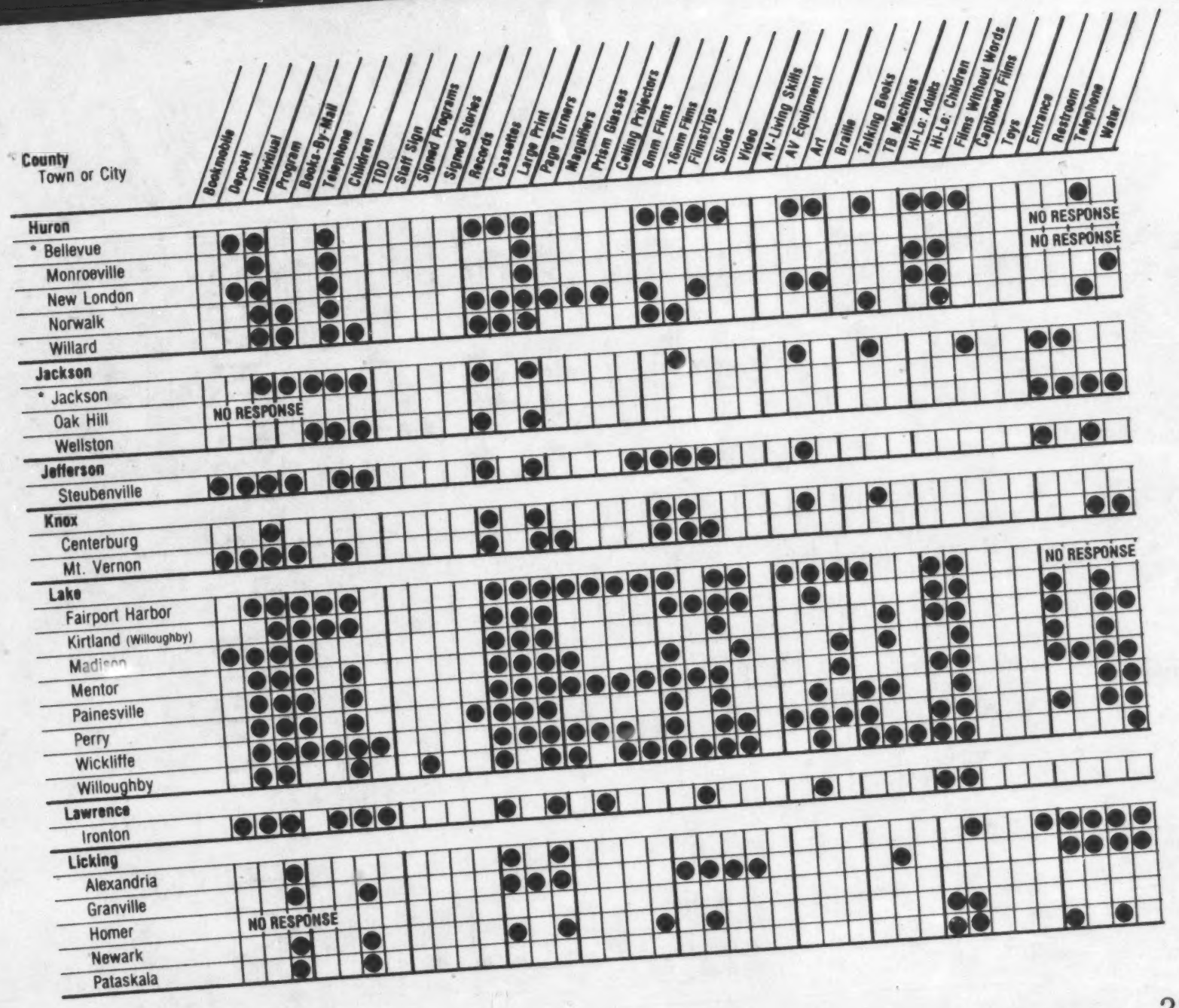
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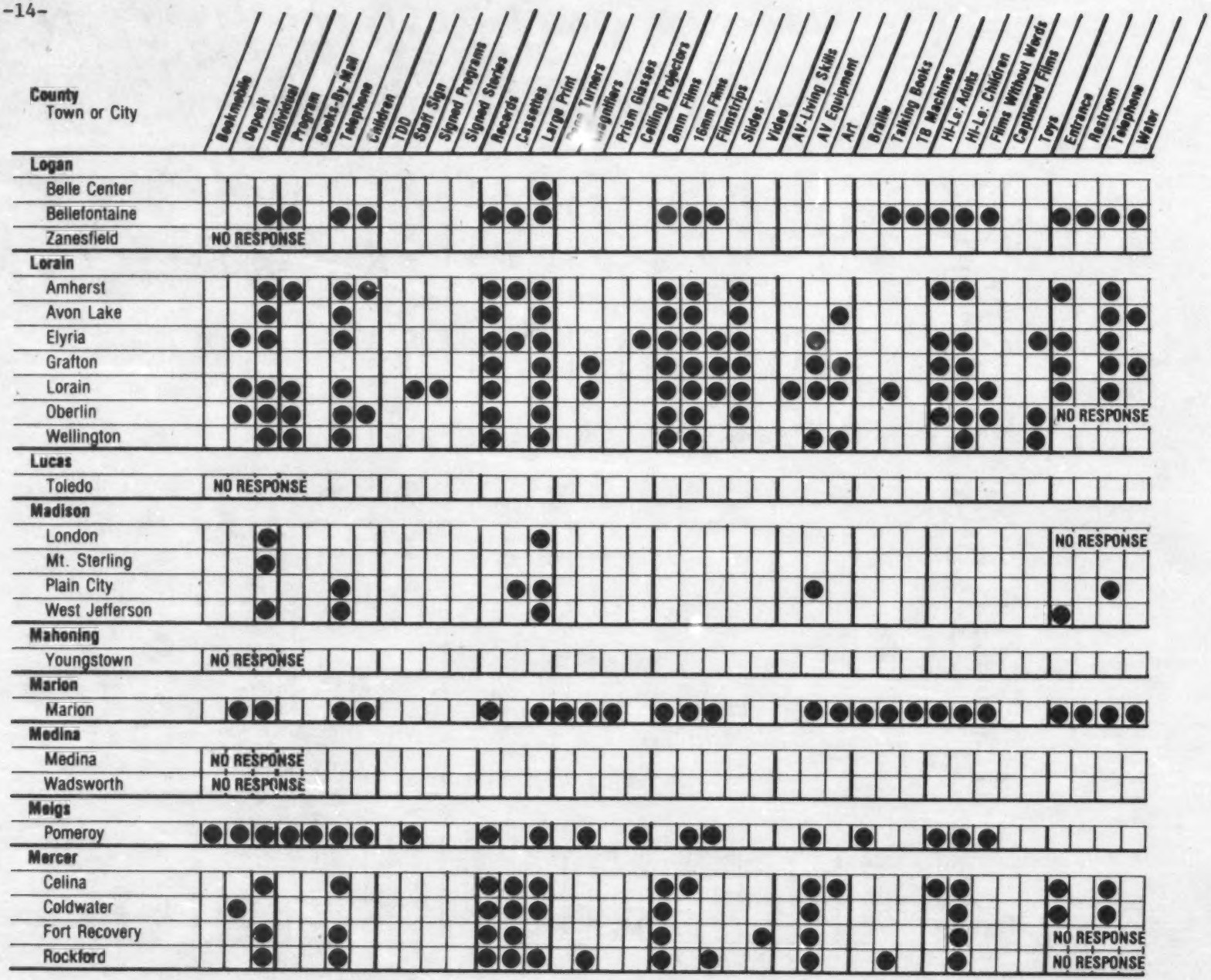
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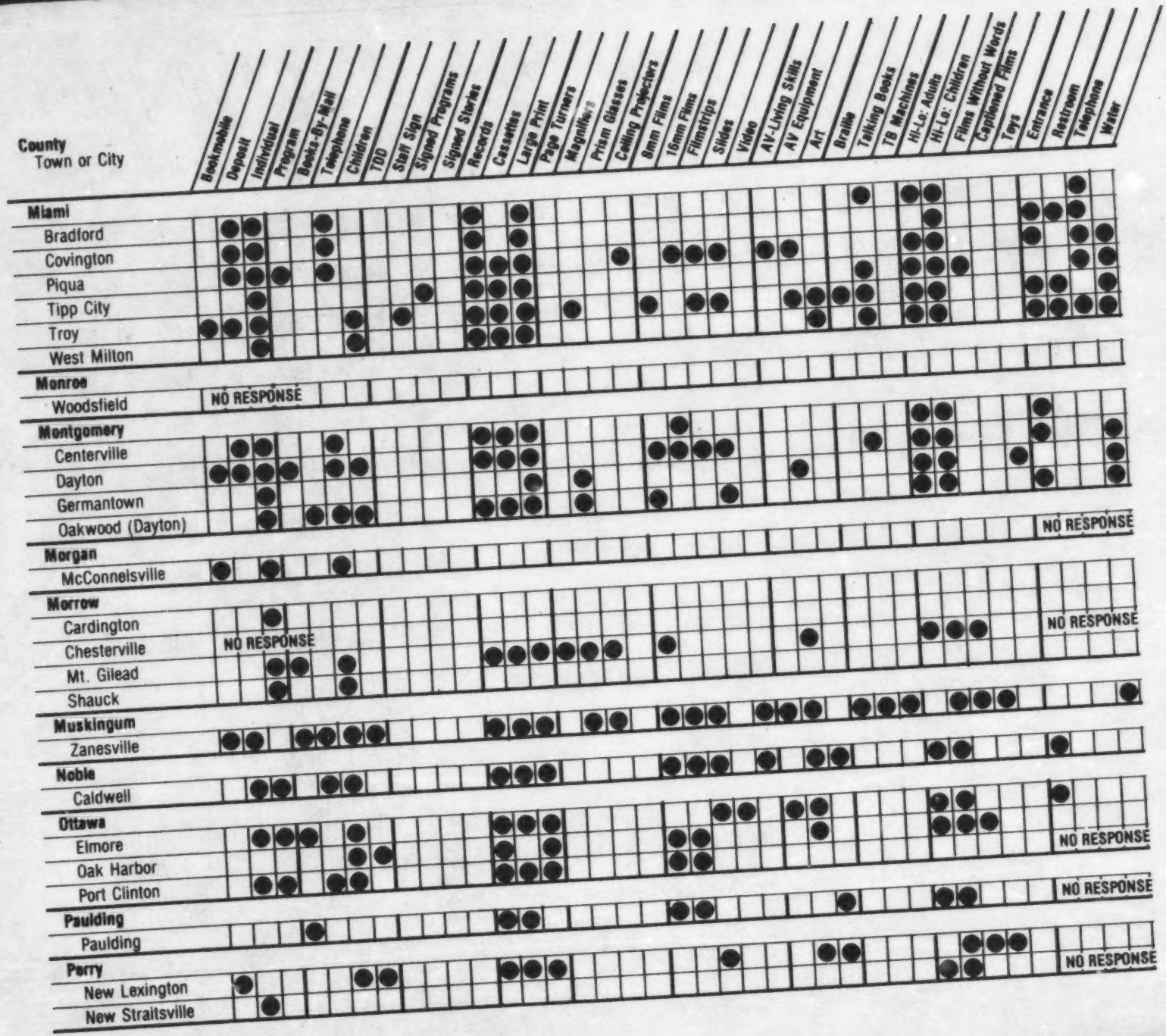
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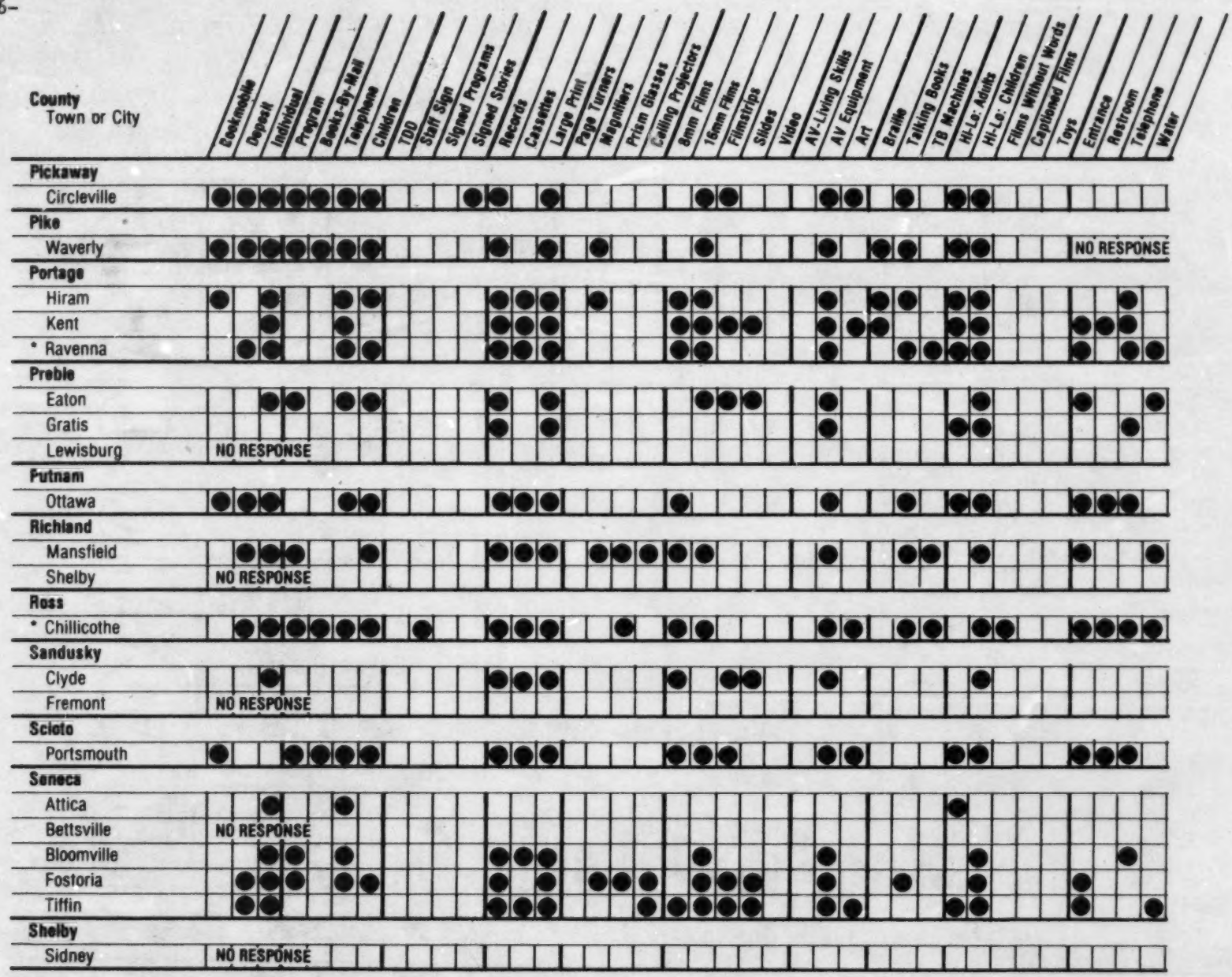
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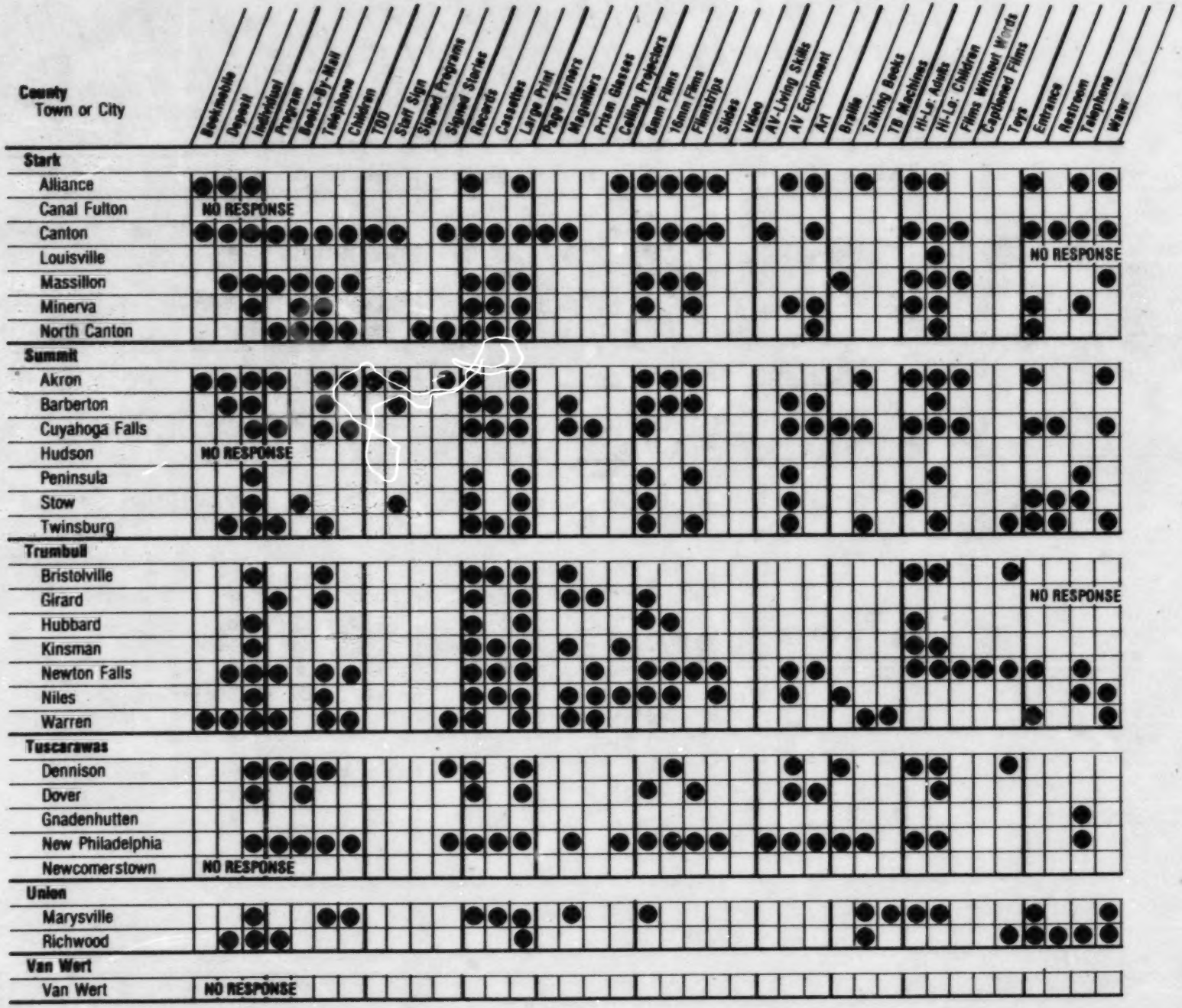
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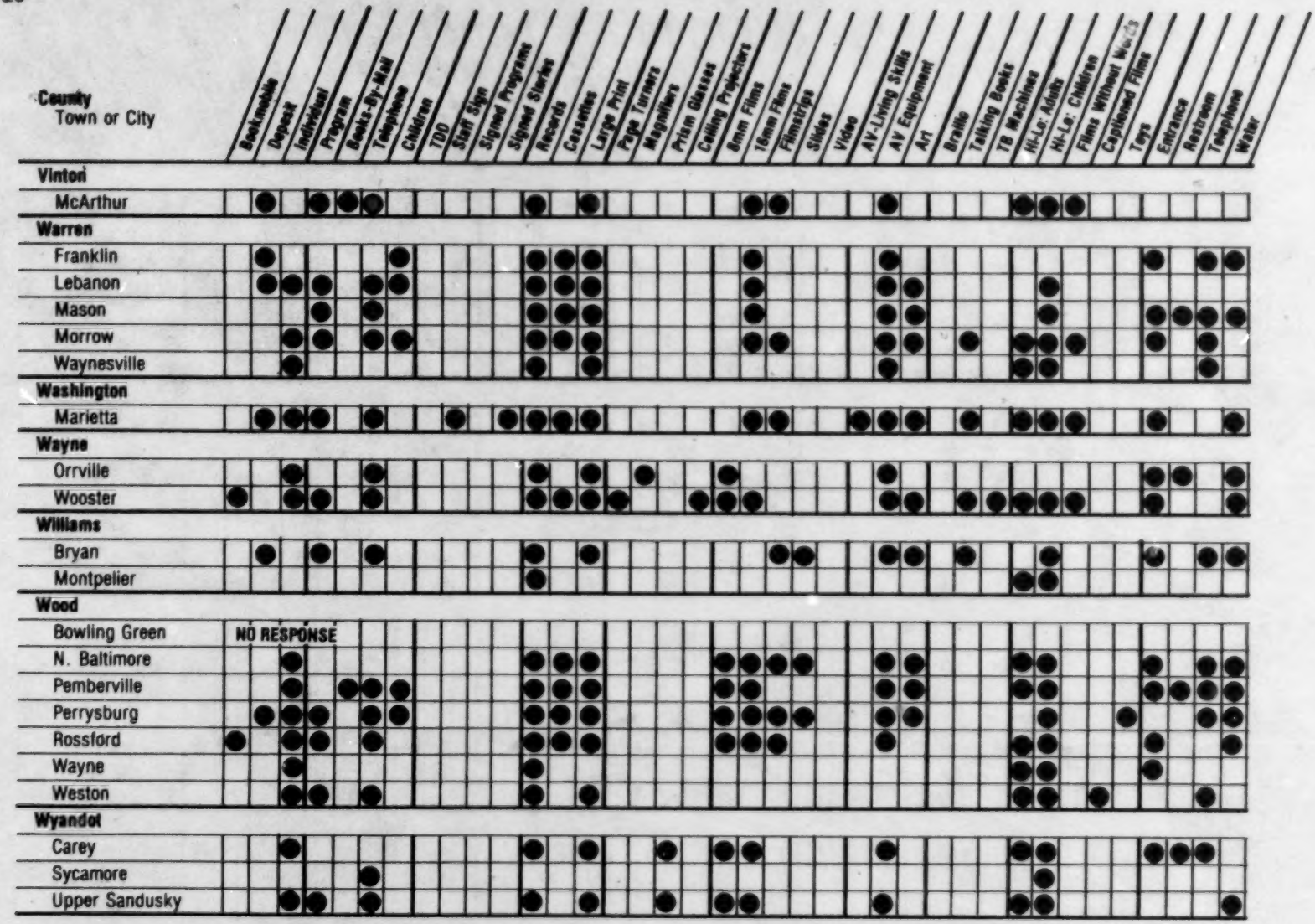
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